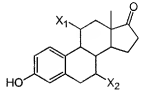
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(cancelled)**

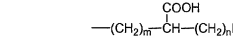
2. **(previously presented)** A compound of formula (Ia)



(Ia)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)



(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

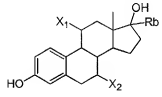
R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

m is 8; and

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

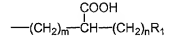
3. (previously presented) A compound of formula (Ib)



(Ib)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)



(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

Rb represents an ethynyl group;

m is 8; and

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

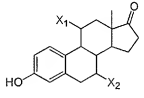
4-5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound, stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof according to claim 2 as an active

ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

7-8. (Cancelled)

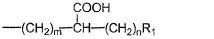
9. (previously presented) A process for producing a compound of formula (Ia)



(Ia)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)



(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

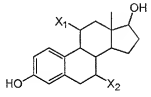
R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

m is 8;

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof, said process including the step of:

oxidizing a compound of formula (III)

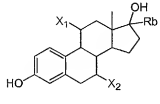


(III)

wherein X_1 and X_2 are defined as above, or stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

10. (original) The process according to claim 9, in which the oxidation reaction is performed by Oppenauer oxidation.

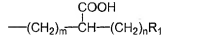
11. (currently amended) A process for producing a compound of formula (Ib)



(Ib)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)



(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

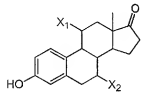
Rb represents ~~a~~ an ethynyl group having 2-5 carbon atoms;

m is 8; and

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof, said process including the step of:

alkynylating a compound of formula (Ia)



(Ia)

wherein:

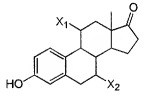
X_1 and X_2 are defined as above; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

12. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound, stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof according to claim 3 as an active ingredient.

13-14. (cancelled)

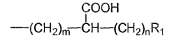
15. (new) A method for treating osteoporosis, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (Ia)



(Ia)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)



(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

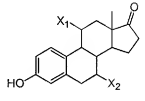
R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

m is 8; and

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

16. (new) A method for treating breast cancer, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (Ia)



(Ia)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)

(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

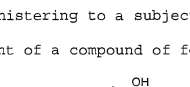
R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

m is 8; and

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

17. (new) A method for treating osteoporosis, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (Ib)



(Ib)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)

(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2

represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

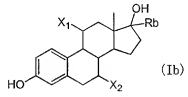
Rb represents an ethynyl group;

m is 8; and

n is 3; or

stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.

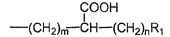
18. (new) A method for treating breast cancer, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (Ib)



(Ib)

wherein:

X_1 represents a hydrogen atom, and X_2 represents a group of formula (II)



(II) ; or

X_1 represents a group of formula (II), and X_2 represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

R_1 represents a nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

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m is 8; and

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stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters thereof.